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SUBJECT: NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION PLANS TO SEND MISSION  
TO ARGENTINA

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES SERIOUS PROFESSIONAL VISIT FROM NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION. OUR ONLY RESERVATIONS HAVE TO DO WITH TIMING. THE PROPOSED NEW YORK BAR VISIT COULD CONCEIVABLY SEND A CONFUSING SIGNAL TO THE ARGENTINES ON THE EVE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (IAHRC) MISSION--ON WHICH WE ARE PLACING SO MUCH EMPHASIS. WE HAVE ONE REPORT THAT THE VIDELA GOVERNMENT IS ENCOUNTERING SOME RESISTANCE FROM HARDLINE MILITARY ELEMENTS TO LEND THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION TO IAHRC THAT THE CASA ROSADA DEEMS NECESSARY. WE ASSUME VIDELA CAN MANAGE THE PROBLEM, BUT A VISIT BY ANOTHER HUMAN RIGHTS-ORIENTED ORGANIZATION AS PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY FOR THE IAHRC COULD COMPLICATE THE LATTER MISSION. THE BAR ASSOCIATION VISIT MIGHT BE MORE OPPORTUNE AFTER THE IAHRC MISSION IS COMPLETED WHEN CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR REMEDIAL LEGISLATION AND OTHER TECHNICAL ADVICE FOR STRUCTURAL REFORMS, AS WAS RENDERED BY THE ABA TEAM IN THE URUGUAY CASE, MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE.

2. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE VALUE OF ANY PRIVATE GROUP'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA TO CONSULT ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION HERE IS ENHANCED THROUGH ADVANCE PREPARATIONS MADE WITH ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. PRIVATE EFFORTS COMPLEMENT THE MANY REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE USG, AND THEY ARE MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONFIRMS THE PRESTIGE OF THE VISITING GROUPS TO THE GOVERNMENT HERE AND ARRANGES FOR THEIR RECEPTION. THIS WAS OUR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND THE AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, BOTH OF WHICH DID SEND DELEGATIONS HANDLED IN THIS WAY WHICH ENJOYED A MEASURE OF SUCCESS.  
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